

WAS HANGED
FOR MURDERAlton V. Hoover Paid Penalty
For Crime To-day

HE WAS SELF-POSSESSED

The Condemned Man's Father Spent His
Fortune of \$50,000 in an Effort
to Save His Son's Life—Late
ter Killed Wife.

Erie, Pa., Feb. 23.—Alton V. Hoover, who was convicted of murdering his wife, Mrs. Cora Fay Hoover, in November two years ago at Atlantic, Pennsylvania, was hanged in the yard of the county jail here to-day. The condemned man walked to the scaffold without assistance and while the noose was being adjusted about his neck he stood alone, showing remarkable self-possession.

Hoover was convicted of shooting down his wife following their separation. His father spent his fortune of \$50,000 in an attempt to save the condemned man's life.

MUST MEET DEATH SOON.

Russian Bandits Brought to Death House
To-day, Execution in March.

Boston, Feb. 23.—Two Russian bandits, Wassili Ivankowski and Andrei Ispen, who terrorized Lynn June 25 last, and who killed Thomas Landrean, a shoe manufacturer, and police officer James Carroll, were brought to the death house at the Salem jail, their executions are set for the week of March 5.

CELEBRATED BY SUICIDE.

Edward Clune Killed Himself at Milford,
Massachusetts.

Milford, Mass., Feb. 23.—Using a new revolver, which he told his family he bought "to celebrate Washington's birthday with," Edward Clune, 50 years old, killed himself in front of his home at 432 Adams street yesterday.

Clune brought the revolver home a few days ago. He was asked by his family what he wanted of it. He replied: "Oh, I am going to celebrate Washington's birthday this year in the way it ought to be. You wait and see."

Clune afterward tested the revolver by firing several shots into the side of his house. After that his family kept watch of him.

Yesterday morning he ate heartily, and after preparing a breakfast for his pet dog went to his room and got the revolver. He left the house and, standing on the sidewalk, carried through his "celebration."

LORIMER CASE PROCEEDS SLOWLY.

Little Prospect That Any Progress Will
Be Made This Session.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 23.—Notwithstanding the feverish anxiety of many senators to dispatch business and especially the desire of Senator Lorimer's friends to get a vote on the question of the validity of his election, there are little prospects to-day that any marked progress will be made during this sitting of the Senate. Senator Beveridge took the floor at the beginning of today's session, and it is expected he will talk the greater part of the day. Senators Stone and LaFollette will follow him. Senator Burrows, who controls the case in the interest of the committee on privileges and elections, intends to ask the Senate during the day to fix the time for a vote.

PROCEEDINGS DISMISSED.

Court Decides Joint Committee on Printing
Is Lawfully Constituted.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 23.—The joint committee on printing of Congress is lawfully constituted, according to an opinion rendered to-day by Justice Gough of the district supreme court, in which he directs the dismissal of proceedings for an injunction brought by the Valley Paper company of Holyoke, Mass., to restrain public printers from purchasing under contracts approved by the committee, as at present constituted. The court held that the appointment of the committee be left to the Senate and House.

MINISTER OF WAR DEAD.

General Brun in Cabinet of Premier
Briand.

Paris, Feb. 23.—General Brun, minister of war in the cabinet of Premier Briand, dropped dead from a paralytic stroke at the offices of the ministry to-day. He was 61 years old. General Brun was stricken a few minutes after he had received the members of his staff in his private office.

ALL DEAD WITH PLAGUE.

Whole Population Wiped Out and Many
Bodies Exposed, Covered With Snow.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 23.—A telegram from Harbin to-day reports the growing discovery of a Chinese village near there in which the entire population was dead from the plague. Many bodies lay in the open air and were covered with snow.

TEDDY MOVING ON.

Rested After Yesterday's Speech-making
Went To-day to New York.

Chicago, Feb. 23.—Colonel Roosevelt, somewhat refreshed after yesterday's speech-making, left here for New York to-day.

WORLD PEACE ADVOCATE

That Is What George Washington Was
Called.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 23.—Dean Henry Wade Rogers of the Yale law school was the guest of honor last night at the Washington club celebration and dinner of the Saturday club. He spoke on "The Relation of the United States to the Peace Movement," and declared that Washington denounced the overgrown military establishments, even of his own day, as "Inauspicious to liberty which are to be regarded as particularly hostile to republican liberty," and said: "My first wish is to see this plague of war vanished from the earth."

"But serious an evil as war was in Washington's day," continued Dean Rogers, "it is a far more serious one in our day. The destructive agencies, developed by modern science for use in war, have made war an infinitely more heinous crime against humanity than it was in the time of Washington."

In speaking of the large appropriations made in the last ten years for war by Congress, the dean said they had been made because "Congress had been influenced by men with morbid hallucinations who imagined that England, Germany or Japan were making ready to devastate our coasts and perhaps capture our possessions."

The fortifications of the Panama canal, he said, was "unnecessary and inconsistent with the neutralization of the canal to which the nation is pledged and inconsistent with our peace policy."

MAY DIE AS SPY.

An American Who Has Been Captured
in Mexico.

San Diego, Cal., Feb. 23.—One of the two insurgent spies captured Tuesday by Mexican federalists and held at Tia Juana, Mexico, is Harry C. Dell, an American. The other is a Mexican who claims to be an American citizen. Dell sent yesterday an appeal to influential friends in California to save him from immediate execution.

From Tia Juana yesterday came word that a drumhead court martial and speedy execution of the two men was the plan of the Mexican authorities.

Dell claims he went to Tia Juana to take over night after his automobile had broken down and denies any connection with the rebels. He is said to have been a sergeant in the United States infantry in the Philippines. The identity of the other prisoner has not been revealed. Dell is 22 years old. He says his wife lives in New York City.

The commander of the United States troops on duty at the border has issued a warning to all Americans to keep away from Tia Juana.

An American member of the insurgent band, said to be W. E. Clark of Cincinnati, was seriously wounded Tuesday night, while inspecting an outpost of the rebel camp.

General Berthold says the wounded man accidentally shot himself while climbing over a wire fence.

Berthold bitterly denounced the American Red Cross yesterday, saying it had refused to send a surgeon to attend Clark.

FINDS MUCH FAULT.

Professor Nash Has His Say About Heir-
esses Marrying Titles.

Portland, Me., Feb. 23.—American heiresses who marry titled foreigners, the American quarters in foreign cities, the game of football as played in this country, and politics, all came in for severe criticism at the hands of Professor Henry S. Nash of the Episcopal Theological seminary of Cambridge, Mass., in the course of an address delivered at the annual meeting of the Maine Society of the Sons of American Revolution yesterday.

The marriage of American girls to titled Europeans was characterized as "brutal butler and disgraceful to both sides," while American colonies abroad the speaker declared to be "the most rotten in the world."

Football, Professor Nash insisted, is dishonest. "Rule makers," he said, "get together in New York and formulate rules and then return to the colleges and teach how to violate them." Grotton schoolboys visit Harvard, he said, and study the game, then return as coaches and corrupt the game.

"I have been filled with unutterable shame," he declared in discussing politics, "at the disgraceful things that have happened here and brought our country into disrepute across the water. The trouble is that we have been absent minded. We have got to get together for clean politics. The birth of a new democracy is coming on every side."

ADMITS IDENTITY.

Man Lodged in San Francisco Jail on
Murder Charge.

San Francisco, Feb. 23.—The suspect lodged in jail charged with the murder of William L. Rice, the wealthy Cleveland, Ohio, lawyer, admitted late yesterday, the authorities say, that he is Vincenzo Pelato, the man sought by the Cleveland police.

When Pelato was arrested Tuesday at Black Diamond, after having been trailed from Berkeley, he denied that he was the fugitive wanted. A search of his clothes, however, revealed postal money orders to his wife in Cleveland, bearing the name of Vincenzo Pelato, and on being shown them, the prisoner is said to have made a statement.

He denied having been implicated in the murder of Rice, but declared, it is said, that he possessed considerable information concerning the crime, and, believing he would be suspected of the murder, left Cleveland. Pelato's alleged information regarding the crime was not disclosed.

A reward of \$10,000, it is said, was offered for the apprehension of Pelato, who will be held for the Cleveland authorities.

JAPAN GOVERNMENT ATTACKED

For Permitting Unrestrained Outlawry,
Anarchistic Doctrine Spreading.

Tokio, Feb. 23.—The spread of the anarchistic doctrine in Japan is the basis of an attack upon the government in the diet to-day, when the members of the opposition introduced a resolution concerning the government for having permitted outlawry to reach a point where an attempt upon the life of the emperor had been planned. This resolution was defeated by a large majority. The debate revived the recent conspiracy which resulted in the execution of Denjiro Kotoku, his wife and ten other anarchists, and the imprisonment of fourteen others.

10 BUILDINGS
LIE IN ASHESLarge Fire in Business Section
of White Plains, N. Y.

FIREMAN SERIOUSLY HURT

But It Is Thought That There Was No
Loss of Life—Firemen from Port Ches-
ter Came and Helped to Avert
Far Greater Disaster.

White Plains, N. Y., Feb. 23.—A fire which started in a restaurant on South Lexington avenue, in the business section of this place, to-day spread with great rapidity through most inflammable frame structures, causing property damage of \$200,000. So far as known there was no loss of life, but a fireman, George Hoip, was seriously injured.

In all, ten structures were destroyed, but a large share of the loss was sustained through the destruction of the Brandes apartment building. The local fire fighting force was assisted by three companies which were summoned from Port Chester. The firemen centered the fight at the Brandes building and succeeded in checking the fire at that point, thus saving valuable buildings which were close by.

LOSS WAS \$100,000.

In Laundry Fire at Presque Island, Me.,
Yesterday.

Presque Isle, Me., Feb. 23.—Loss by fire, smoke and water of \$10,000 or more was caused in a three-story building in the business section yesterday afternoon. The heaviest losers are E. F. C. Mosher and V. E. Howe, owners of the Presque Isle steam laundry, who occupied the first floor, where the fire started from an explosion of gasoline.

The flames spread through the place so rapidly that the dozen employees had to run for their lives. The laundry machinery is badly damaged and much laundry work destroyed. The laundry loss will probably exceed \$5,000, insured for \$4,000.

The second and third floors were occupied as tenements by Fay Sweetser and Herbert Dempsey, whose household goods were damaged. The building is owned by John H. Judd, whose loss will be \$4,000 or more, insured.

FRENCH DERELICT,

NOT OCEAN LINER

Which Went on the Rocks off Sicily
Island To-day—Had Been Float-
ing About for Two
Weeks.

London, Feb. 23.—The old French warship Richelieu, which for a fortnight had been drifting about, a derelict dangerous to navigation, found port to-day on the rocks off Sicily. The craft was sighted by divers, who at first thought that a transatlantic liner had gone aground, but when the boat reached the scene the crew recognized the French fighter. The Richelieu was being towed to Holland, where she was to have been broken up, when, two weeks ago, in a gale, she broke loose from the tugs.

"TRIP AROUND THE WORLD."

John de Crevecoeur Chapter, D. A. R.,
in Charge at St. Johnsbury.

St. Johnsbury, Feb. 23.—John de Crevecoeur chapter, D. A. R., observed Washington's birthday last evening in a novel way by taking a trip around the world under the personal supervision of C. F. Palmer, who conducts a party to Europe every summer. Starting from "Griffin's Wharf," the home of Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Poole Grant, which was decorated to represent the deck of a ship, and crackers and bonfire were served to the company seated on the shipboard.

All the party took a four-hour barge and were conveyed to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Corwin F. Palmer, which represented Italy. The hostess and her assistant, Miss Fannie E. Russell, were in Italian costume. The next country visited was Ireland at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert F. Dale. The decorations were green and the tea room represented an Irish kitchen. "The Irish Washerwoman" was danced, the blarney stone was kissed by all and refreshments of corn bread and milk were served. The hostesses were Mrs. Anna D. Pearl and Miss Caroline S. Woodruff.

Germany was the last country visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Hazen with Mrs. Hazen and Mrs. John C. Clark as hostesses. The national colors, red, white and blue, were used everywhere and small German flags were in evidence. The favors were tiny steins.

FRANKLIN COUNTY CARRIERS

Met Yesterday at Sheldon and Elected
Officers.

St. Albans, Feb. 23.—At the sixth annual meeting of the Franklin County Rural Letter Carriers' association, held at the New Portland house in Sheldon yesterday afternoon, three new members were taken in, and the following officers were elected: President, E. G. Proctor of Swanton; vice president, H. K. Miller of East Randolph; secretary, L. V. Woodward of Richmond; treasurer, C. H. Stratton of Enosburg Falls. H. K. Kidder was elected delegate to the next state convention. It was voted to hold the annual meeting in Enosburg Falls next year.

TALK OF THE TOWN

The owner of the little black pocket-
book, containing some change and an
express money order for \$9, which was
picked up near Main street yesterday,
was found to-day, and the property was
returned to the owner.

SMOKE WAS DENSE

In Fire Which Damaged a House in
Burlington.

Burlington, Feb. 23.—The fire department responded to an alarm rung in from box 34 yesterday afternoon shortly before four o'clock for a stubborn fire in a double house belonging to Mrs. Fred Collier at the corner of Munroe and George streets and occupied by Ralph Nardini and Charles H. Hooper. The blaze was confined to the attic and roof, and the only other damage done was by water. It was all covered by insurance.

When the fire was discovered, smoke was issuing in large quantities from the attic windows as well as from parts of the roof and when the firemen arrived it was almost impossible to enter the building. Two streams of water were quickly put on and with the aid of the chemical, the fire was extinguished in a little over an hour. Chief Niles was out of town and in his absence, Second Assistant Chief George W. Burr was in charge. First Assistant Chief Stockwell being ill in bed.

The origin of the fire is not known but a large amount of rubbish stored in the attic was in flames when the firemen arrived. A part of the roof had to be chopped into in order to effectively fight the blaze, but, aside from that, little damage was done to the house. Water was used as sparingly as possible and the householder effect of the Nardini was not seriously damaged. The property of the Hoopers was, however, drenched, as it was over their apartment that the fire was brisk.

CLASH BETWEEN COUNSEL.

Resumption of Hearings in Railroad Tax
Appeal Cases Yesterday.

Woodville, N. H., Feb. 23.—The hearing before the referees in the railroad tax appeal here yesterday was characterized by a further clash of counsel over the admission of evidence. Counsel for the state on cross examination drew testimony from a witness regarding the consolidation in sales of real estate in Pittsburg and Clarksville. The witness on several occasions named the buyer and seller, all being persons other than himself.

On direct examination the witness stated that both the buyers and sellers had told him the selling price. Counsel for the state moved to have all the evidence excluded. Whereupon the counsel for the railroad charged the opposing counsel with trying to have the evidence excluded when favorable to the state's case and excluded when unfavorable, maintaining that it must have been apparent to everyone that the evidence on cross examination was not that of a party to any of the transactions, in many cases the parties having been specifically named.

After consultation the referees ruled that the evidence had been introduced by mistake and must be excluded. Numerous exceptions were noted for the railroad with the intimations that the questions would be transferred to the supreme court for a decision.

This series of hearings will continue for two or three weeks, and will be, it is expected, the most important up to this time. It is understood that the railroad has made a thorough investigation into the conditions surrounding the assessment of taxes in a large number of towns in Coos and Grafton counties, covering property worth well up into the millions of dollars. These investigations have been carried on during the past year by timber and real estate experts, by whom the railroad expects to prove the condition in Pittsburg and Clarksville is more widespread than it is generally believed.

FAVOR PARCELS POST.

Rural Free Delivery Carriers of Wind-
sor County.

Windsor, Feb. 23.—The fifth annual meeting of the rural free delivery carriers of Windsor county was held here yesterday. The address of welcome was made by E. W. Peck of Windsor, followed by the following speakers: C. A. Belknap of Cavendish; J. N. Hammond of Springfield; B. L. Osgood of Gayville and V. H. Dupuis of Woodstock. The officers elected for the ensuing year are: W. H. Morse of Proctorsville; president; C. A. Belknap, vice president; J. H. Beckwith of Bethel secretary-treasurer. The executive board is Frank Hook of Fitchburg, G. R. Chamberlin of Windsor and Otis Flint of South Royalton.

Eighteen were present and the following resolution was adopted: "The rural carriers of Windsor county, Vt., do hereby resolve that we are in favor of parcels post on rural routes for the benefit of the post office department and convenience of the patrons."

STRUCK BY TRAIN.

William Osman Had a Narrow Escape
From Death.

St. Albans, Feb. 23.—William Osman, employed as a trainman on the Central Vermont, had a narrow escape from being ground to pieces yesterday afternoon. He was crossing the tracks in the freight yards near the roundhouse, and seemed unaware of the nearness of any moving train, when as about stepping over a rail, engine 333 backed down on him, knocking him down and pushing him along on the ice and rail until the engineer, hearing his cries, brought the engine to a stop. Osman was badly bruised and battered, and an ambulance was called and he was taken to his home on Hoyt street, where he received treatment.

ONE FOOT CRUSHED.

Felix Johnson Was Hurt in a Quincy
Quarry.

Quincy, Feb. 23.—Felix Johnson's left foot was crushed yesterday while working on a derrick. The men were raising a block of granite weighing half a ton at J. S. Scrimgeour's quarry in West Quincy. Mr. Johnson is 45 years old and lives at 9 Hillside street. It is said one of the chains of the derrick slipped. Dr. John Ash attended the injured man and he was taken to the Quincy City hospital.

Declines \$100,000 Salary.

Saratoga, Pa., Feb. 23.—In an address here last night in the local railroad Y. M. C. A., President William H. Tragedale of the Lackawanna Railroad company confirmed the published report that he had rejected an offer of the presidency of the Missouri Pacific railroad at a salary of \$100,000 a year. He said he had declined out of love for the Lackawanna.

BUSY SESSION
WITH VOTERSBoard of Civil Authority Han-
dled 101 Names Last Night

MANY ARE NEW VOTERS

Ward Officers to Have Charge of the
Municipal Election Were Also Chosen
at Meeting Last Evening; An-
other Set for March 1.

The board of civil authority met in the city court room at 7 o'clock last evening for the purpose of making additions and changes on the check list to be used at the city election. The number of changes and additions made totaled 101. Of these a large majority were new names added to the voters' list. The number shows a gratifying increase over the new names placed on the list last year. The election of ward officers to serve at the coming election was quickly disposed of, although checking off delinquent names for notices consumed some little time. The meeting adjourned at 10 o'clock to convene again next Monday night at 7 o'clock.

With the exception of names changed on account of death or necessitated by the candidacy of some of last year's incumbents, the officers serving in the different wards this year are nearly identical as at the last city election.

The following officers will have charge of the various wards: Ward one, ward clerk, G. N. Tilden; inspectors, Harry McNeil, G. F. Howe, G. I. Beckley; ballot clerks, J. C. Wylie, N. R. Ballard, Jonathan Carson, T. G. Carwell; assistants, E. J. Owens, E. N. Phillips; ward two, ward clerk, Charles Lundgren; inspectors, Harry Whitcomb, T. J. Denney, Robert Ingles; ballot clerks, W. T. Kenner, H. A. Rugg, John H. Jones, F. E. Cate; assistants, James Brown, C. W. McMillan; ward three, ward clerk, E. L. Smith; inspectors, G. C. Varney, A. J. Lorange, W. A. Calder; ballot clerks, William McDonald, Alex. Cruickshank, J. C. Griggs, Aldo Mariani; assistants, O. D. Shurtliff, E. M. Taylor; ward four, ward clerk, A. M. Smith; inspectors, Fred Mann, W. T. Calder, Peter D. Thom; ballot clerks, James Glass, Edward Cardini, William Troup, John Rowley; assistants, J. K. Anderson, William Scott; ward five, ward clerk, James Rae; inspectors, P. E. McNulty, O. J. Hovey, E. N. Prescott; ballot clerks, C. E. White, John Cleary, C. Bianchi, Jasper Bizzozero; assistants, James Hastings, C. Card; ward six, ward clerk, John Gibb; inspectors, W. C. Goodwin, James Trail, Charles Gay; ballot clerk, E. R. Davis; James D. Wood, A. W. Fretter, D. J. Boyce; assistants, Peter Alexander, D. W. Farrand.

The Names Added.

The following names were added to the ward lists:

Ward 1—Harry Blanchard, John Booth, Giovanni Rotaro, Wallace Bruce, E. A. Camp, H. P. Camp, George Corrick, James Duncan, A. Gonyo, Barry P. Henry, C. H. Leith, Donald Leith, W. J. Loughheed, James McAdam, W. A. Mathieson, Angelo Mochetti, Alexander Ogston, Antonio Peduzzi, Achille Perolini, Isaac Peterson, George Robertson, David Stuart, George H. Stuart, James Shaw. For school commissioners only, Elizabeth A. Averill.

Ward 2—Alexander Duncan, C. R. Lyman, James Reid, John A. Robertson. Ward 3—Richard J. Attridge, H. L. Baldwin, Giuseppe Beltrami, John Bjorn, Charles F. Bombard, Giuseppe Cardini, John Giovannelli, Fred Hackett, C. M. Hendrickson, S. Hollister Jackson, John J. Johnston, Tullio Lanfanciano, William McAuley, James E. Marmon, Alexander W. Ross, James E. Ross, H. A. Segel, E. S. Shepard, John Stewart, James M. Taylor. For school commissioner only, Peter John Turner.

Ward 4—Peter Birmie, Edwin Carlson, R. W. Carpenter, Richard Carpenter, Alexander Clark, Mansur Deep, William Fairs, Anthony Gasparello, John R. Gomo, Paul Kingston, Paul Kingston, Z. D. Lambert, Angus McDonald, James McKenzie, Robert McKnight, George Maniatty, Enrico Ballo, William Skerit, James A. Taylor, William Troup, Seymour Tucker, Peter Viscontini.

Ward 5—Peter Abbiatti, John Bottiggi, Paolo Cavallini, Ercole Cerasoli, Thomas Dineen, P. S. Duffy, J. C. Dyer, Giuseppe Fontana, Giacomo Galli, Ernest Mahan, Carlo Marchesi, Janando Pedroni, Ernesto Perrelli, William Rizi, William Sangster, Edward Stella, Constantino Valz, Guido Velz, Joseph Valz, Egisto Vezzoni.

Ward 6—W. N. J. Hill, Edwin McLean, P. A. Noonan, William Quinlan, Andrew Scott, Aurelio Villa.

WERE NOT CELEBRATING

Although They Had Been Married for
63 Years.

Rutland, Feb. 23.—Sitting quietly in their home on Engren avenue, Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Fish were found yesterday morning planning no celebration and thinking it nothing out of the ordinary that they should have been married 63 years ago. No reception was held, but during the day the aged couple received many remembrances of the occasion and many of the older residents of the city called at the Fish home. They were married in North Clarendon, Vt.

Mr. Fish for many years had a farm in Shrewsbury and moved to this city about 36 years ago. Since then he has been engaged in farming, teaming and his specialty has been carrying excursion parties to the top of Mount Killington. When 82 years old he made this trip, much of it on foot, and driving the team four times in one week. He takes great pride in telling of his jaunts up the mountain and has probably been at the peak more times than any other one man. This mountain is the second highest in the state.

Bonnie Mills, a Scotch singer and dancer with a wide reputation, comes to the Bijou to-day directly from the big-city theatre circuits. She has a long way been the feature act at every theatre in which she has appeared and so comes here with an enviable reputation.

FREED, RE-ARRESTED
AND THEN BOUND OVERRapid Changes in the Court Career of
Telephore Arrunte in Montpelier
To-day—He Is Charged with
Keeping Liquor.

Before he could leave the Montpelier city court, where he had just been freed of a charge of keeping because of a technical error, Telephore Arrunte of Barre street, Montpelier, who was raided yesterday afternoon, was re-arrested to-day on a similar charge, which was amended to include him as the householder. The first complaint had failed to declare that very important feature. Hence the dismissal of the first charge.

The raid was made on disclosures of Tim Casey and John McMahon, inmates of the county jail who were out working. They declared that on February 9 they went to the Arrunte house on Barre street and got a pint of whiskey for fifty cents. They said that they bought the liquor of a woman. So when the officers made the raid they intended to arrest the woman of the house, but found that she had just given birth to a child.

Thereupon, they arrested Arrunte. The latter was first arraigned last evening and the case was continued to this morning. When the case was called this morning, it was reported that the complaint was faulty, and the respondent was released, to be immediately re-arrested on a second complaint issued by Grand Juror Gleason. The trial on the second charge was started, and then the respondent decided that he preferred to waive examination, which was done. The respondent was placed under \$300 bonds for appearance in county court.

POSITION EXPLAINED.

C. L. U. Was Approached by Granite
Cutters' Union Only.

Editor, Times: The remarks made by some of the executive officers of the Barre Granite Manufacturers' association at the ward caucus, relative to the proposed drawing school and soldiers' monument, make it seem necessary for everyone to protect themselves, and in justice to the Central Labor union I would say that body had never been requested, or taken any action in regard to the formation of a drawing school until requested by the Granite Cutters' union to call a mass meeting of organized labor and sympathizers, this meeting to be held Wednesday, February 15. Therefore, the committee appointed at that meeting had not the opportunity to interview, nor be interviewed by, the association committee, provided they had known there was such a committee in existence. They were instructed to interview the candidates for school commissioners in regard to the matter.

In regard to the remarks made relative to the soldiers' monument plan, the mayor, being a personal friend of the writer, can vouch for his sentiments on that matter, which would be to the extent that nothing of a public nature can be accomplished without publicity, and his endeavors are to have the full confidence of the public, which he represents, and he is anxious for publicity on all matters pertaining to same and will endeavor to have that method carried out to the extent of his ability.

Respectfully yours,
James Mutch, secretary of the Central Labor union.

DEATH OF FRANK VENER

Occurred at Waterbury Last Evening.
Funeral Saturday.

The death of Frank Vener of 27 Brooklyn street occurred quite suddenly in Waterbury last night at 9 o'clock. The body was brought to this city at 1 o'clock this afternoon. He is survived by his wife and eight children as follows: Albert, Talley, Edward, George, William, Emma, Joseph and Jennie. All are living at home. One sister, Mrs. P. Steady of Burlington, also survives.

Mr. Vener was born in Canada near Montreal fifty-six years ago. For a time he lived in Burlington, but coming to Barre in 1896, he had since resided here. Up to last August he was employed as a grinder at Young Brothers' shoe shed. At that time, however, he sustained a severe shock which left his mind unsettled. He was taken soon afterwards to the state hospital in Waterbury for treatment. Late in his condition had been much improved. He was subject to fainting spells, however, and it is thought that death came while he was thus suffering.

The funeral will be held at St. Monica's church Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. The pastor, Rev. P. M. McKenna, will officiate, and the burial will take place in the Catholic cemetery on Beckley street.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

B. L. Barber of Pittsfield was in the
city yesterday on business.

Ernest Sutherland of St. Albans is employed in the Mutch & Calder granite office.

Peter Blake of Eastern avenue is detained from his duties in Ladd's store on account of illness.

Come in and look over our line of fresh fish, which has just arrived. We have what you want. City Fish Market.

C. H. Darling of Burlington arrived in the city this afternoon for a visit at Goddard seminary, of which school he is president.

Confidentially, between you and me, go down to the Bijou to-night and see that Indian frontier picture, "The Mascot of the Regiment."

Frank Shields of Granville, who was convicted in city court this morning on the charge of intoxication, was unable to raise his fine of \$15 and costs of \$6.04 and went to the county jail for 60 days.

Among the arrivals at the City hotel yesterday and to-day were the following guests: W. L. Mandigo, Bellows Falls; A. E. King, Woodsville, N. H.; W. D. DeFrees, Nashua, N. H.; S. M. Hays, J. B. Reed, Burlington; F. W. Walker, Boston.

Fresh fish just in at the City Fish Market: Halibut, lake trout, perch, pickerel, haddock, cod, cusk, smelts, mackerel and finnan haddies. Come early and take your choice.

SUCCESSFUL
BANQUETSVermont State Library
Red Men Gathered in Honor
of George Washington

A LARGE CROWD PRESENT

Soldiers' Monument Dance Largely At-
tended and University Club's Affair
Was Likewise Enjoyable for
a Good Number.

Troquois tribe, No. 16, Improved Order, of Red Men, held its sixth annual Washington's birthday celebration in the Woodmen's hall last evening and scored one of the most successful and enjoyable social events in the history of the order. The honored guest of the occasion was the great sachem of the reservation of Vermont, William L. Mandigo, of Bellows Falls, who as one of the speakers gave an interesting account of the general condition and prosperity of the tribes through the country.

He said that the Order of Red Men was the only original American order and it was first established about 420 years ago. The great Washington himself was a member of the order and there have been other prominent men of the country included in its membership. The order has a membership of 500,000 in the whole